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The Goshorn damage suit resulted in a verdict of \$4000 for the plaintiff.

The Democratic conventions met at Hinton Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

W. S. Edwards was nominated for Congress by the Republican convention at Charleston, by acclamation.

Friday morning about a thousand Americans attacked about two thousand Spanish in the thickets five miles from Santiago. The victory was gained at great cost; thirteen killed and fifty wounded. Captain Capron, of the Rough Riders, and Hamilton Fish are among the slain. The Americans hold the position at the threshold of a final assault. This is the most serious and hotly contested land engagement that has yet occurred and indicates fierce and bloody work ere the place is taken.

The war tax goes into effect July 1. Internal revenue stamps must be affixed to bank checks, telegraph messages, deeds mortgages, conveyances, notes, and steamship tickets. Express companies will probably require stamps to be affixed to parcels to meet the tax imposed on them, and telephone messages costing over 15 cents will be taxed. A two-cent tax is required on every \$100 worth of stock sold. Tea has a duty imposed of 10 cents a pound. It will be very troublesome besides expensive for the taxpayer to keep and affix the various stamps.

YEAGER VS. BUZZARD.

The above is the style of the case which has been pending in the Circuit Court of this county. The object being to settle the indebtedness of J. C. Arbogast, the late sheriff, indebtedness to the district school funds. At the time he resigned two years ago a large number of school drafts were outstanding, one teacher alone having \$300 in drafts. These have never been paid. When they sought to collect them by the means provided by statute they were met with an injunction secured by B. M. Yeager, one of the sureties on the school bond, granted on the grounds that a multiplicity of suits was to be feared. While this suit was pending the plaintiff as a surety of the long term sought to divide the liability for the school debt with the sureties of the short term of '91 and '92. This occasioned a big fight, which has just been decided by Judge McWhorter, holding both sets liable in part.

When a settlement was made with the various Boards of Education, July 1, 1893, the end of the short term, it was shown that Arbogast was indebted to the Boards in the sum of \$4706.64. At the end of the next term, July 1, 1896, he was indebted in the same way in the sum of \$5514.40. The court held that the old set of sureties should be held chargeable with a part of the indebtedness, and as a basis to fix their proportionate share of the burden, the smallest balance due a district in any settlement of the years '92, '93, '94, and '95 was to be charged to the old set of sureties. This was reported to the court was ascertained to be \$2866.96. The sureties of the first term were to be further exonerated by a sum equal to the amount of the outstanding school drafts on the 1st day of July, 1893, and afterwards paid, which was \$1322.65. This would leave the amount decreed against them \$1544.31, subject to their proportionate part of the funds in the hands of J. C. Arbogast's receiver, Levi Gay, which will reduce the amount by several hundred dollars. The indebtedness due the Boards of Education July 1, 1896, is \$5514.40, and this includes the deposit of the Boards and the outstanding school drafts which are all filed in this case.

The case was referred to a commissioner to calculate the exact amounts due from each surety, and action of the decree was suspended for sixty days to allow the sureties of '91 and '92 a chance to apply for an appeal, but it is not likely that the application will be made.

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MARLINTON, POCAHONTAS, W. VA.

Merchants, malaria, mumps, muskrats, Artesian wells and aristocrats, Rocky roads, razor backs, and rags, Lizards, lanes, and lightning-bugs, Ice-cream, iced-tea, and iced-soups, Nosegays, nectie nincompoops, Tens, toads, twice told tales, Onions that tone our salt sea gales, Nettles, nabobs, nine-pins, nails.

Peanut philosophers, picnics, and pies, Orange peel, onions, and "daisies" "oxeyes," Cabbage, canned things, croquet, and courts, Air, agues and its antidotes, Happy homes, health in each household, Organs and "old songs that never get old," Near neighbors, and notions, and notaries, Travelers from whom the hotel keeper draw tears, Arguments, ailments, artists, and aches, Strawberry short cakes, sugar-trees, speckled snakes.

Wholes and whiffs and "whales from whence," the Visitor with vim his vitality vents, A-wondering why "folks in the woods pay rents."

NEW YORK LETTER.

The eastern ball clubs are off on western trips and are meeting with moderate luck. New York is seventh on list and Brooklyn ninth. Dollars to doughnuts the Brooklyn beats the New Yorks.

I suppose you know there is a war going on—a sort of peaceful affair. Troops have been landed at Santiago de Cuba and adjacent points. There will be some hot fighting soon. As the cable is connected throughout the country. Our hero Hobson and his gallant crew are still prisoners. Blanco & Co. of Spain will not exchange them. Admiral Sampson has warned Cervera that if harm befalls them, he (Cervera) will be held personally responsible.

A little 3-year-old girl was crushed under the wheels of a trolley-car in Brooklyn on June 22. In her little chubby hand she clutched a penny. The baby attempted to cross the street to buy a stick of candy. The car was a block away from her and there was plenty of time to cross, thought this little girl. But baby traveled slowly—the car came fast, making up lost time, and the careless motorman "did not see" the little child. Of course the fender (cow-catcher) was down, but these fenders are too high from the street to push a small body to one side. When the car was raised and the baby taken out there was still life left, but like the burning of a candle, it soon went out and the soul of this little one went to heaven. The mother is very low from the terrible shock, and it is thought may kill her.

These trolley cars are terribly dangerous affairs. Brooklyn is full of them. One time Brooklyn was called "The City of Churches." Now Brooklyn goes by the name of "Trolley Dodgers." You can form an idea of the number of trolley cars running in Brooklyn every day, when 3200 of them cross the Bridge. Hundreds of them go to other points. On Sundays extra cars are sent to accommodate the heavy traffic to Manhattan Beach, Coney Island, Bay Ridge, etc. Brooklyn is the watering place of the country.

This time of year our citizens shut up their city homes and go to the country. Why? I could not tell. Only its the fashion you know. I send my family away, too. But it is foolish to do so. The air is cool and refreshing—right off of the ocean. Thousands of out-of-town people flock to New York to spend the summer. The hotel registers are full of people from the South. Why do the people come here? Its the fashion, you know. My good friends, if one does not keep in the fashion these days he might as well go to the nearest duck pond and jump in and say "Here goes nobody."

In olden times when my grandmother was alive a fellow could go to a city church seedily dressed, and be shown to the front pew. Now if a poor devil should come to one of these high toned churches, (on 5th Avenue, for instance, with his clothes tattered and torn, unshaven, but as good as the millionaire pew-holder, would be allowed to sit down and listen to the Word of God? NO! He would be to go to such a street, near such a corner, and there he would find the mission church and be welcomed. That's fashion, and the regular custom these days. I have a pew for myself and family and if ever I come across a poor fellow (a bum they call one when down) that wants to go to church why in he pops in my pew. If there is a kick from deacons in charge, why out I pop. I would not be missed much I know, but my collection money and pew rent would be. Last Sunday was the first time I attended divine service for quite a while. Instead of being received with smiles and 'how-do-you-do's,' the ushers stood like a lot of stuffed mummies or trained coachmen and not a word escaped them. What a cold, clammy feeling comes over one when they come across such stiff people. (It

CIRCUIT COURT.

Chancery.

Beery v Ponge, dropped from docket. McNeil v Simmons, referred to commissioner. Charley Friel v Martha Friel, divorce granted. G. P. Kerr v P. B. Bader, referred to a commissioner.

A. C. Wooddell v F. H. Chapman, decree of sale. Levi Gay v D. W. Sharp, sale confirmed at \$300.

Conlehan v O'Connell, re-referred to Commissioner.

J. W. Marshall v Andrew Workman, referred to commissioner.

W. B. Hill v John T. McGraw, dropped from docket.

Johnson & Gwin v J. T. Hogsett referred to commissioner.

Clutter v Clutter, final decree setting admr accounts.

Phoebe R. Phillips v William A. Phillips, decree of divorce.

Levi Gay v J. B. Lockridge, sale of land confirmed at \$3100.

Peter Beveridge's administrator v D. W. Sharp, decree of sale.

G. F. Crammatt v John P. Varner, referred to commissioner.

Mary C. Bias' exor. v Mary C. Bias' distributees, decree of sale.

Jonathan Cochran v Buxy A. Cochran, dismissed at costs of plaintiff.

J. R. Moore v James E. Johnson, rule against commissioner of trolley cars.

Hugh P. McLaughlin's adm'r. v heirs. H. S. Buckner appointed to make deed.

William Doyle's adm'r. v Elizabeth Doyle's adm'r. Levi Gay appointed receiver.

Preston M. Harper v F. W. Harper, consent decree, the plaintiff recovering \$750.

B. M. Yeager reports five tracts of land as liable to be sold for non-payment of taxes.

Rider's Admr v Rider's heirs, decree appointing L. M. McClintie commissioner to make deed.

Lillie B. Lockridge v W. S. Harper, decree in favor of plaintiff for \$410.65 in lieu of dower.

J. W. McNeil's administrator v heirs. N. C. McNeil receiver of fund, which amounts to 200.00.

McLaughlin v McGraw, the man date and judgment of the Supreme Court ordered to be recorded.

Amos Barlow v L. D. Barlow's adm'r. Consent decree, the plaintiff recovering the sum of \$3000.

W. A. Bratton appointed trustee in deed of tract executed by J. T. Hogsett, in stead of Lanty Lockridge.

B. M. Yeager v J. H. Buzzard, decree holding the securities of J. C. Arbogast for the short and long term, each bound in part for the indebtedness of said sheriff to the district school funds.

Law Orders.

State v Floyd Dilley, nolle.

State v J. W. Yeager, nolle.

State v Kemp Johnson, nolle.

State v Hamrick, jury, not guilty.

State v Andy Sheets, jury, guilty.

State v Jack Noonan, confessed, \$5.00.

State v C. M. Acord, confessed, \$1.00.

State v W. R. ckmann, confessed, \$1.00.

State v And Shelton, confessed, \$1.00.

State v Hammond Mann, confessed, \$1.00.

State v Melvin Sharp, no. 1 nolle no. 2, confessed, \$25.

State v Lee Hinkle, no. 1 confessed, \$25; no. 2, nolle.

L. C. McMillion v F. W. Harper, judgment for \$893.75.

State v Esoro Alderman, indictment 1, nolle; no. 2 confessed, \$25.

State v D. W. Sharp, confessed two cases, \$10 each; nolle in two cases.

County Court v Joseph B. and Sarah E. McClure, ordered that \$20 be paid defendants for right of way.

Drs Cunningham and Price and W. H. Grose, commissioners, reported on county jail. The county court is directed to supply jail with water.

Paterson and Williams, trustees vs H. A. Rankin. "We the jury find for the plaintiff, Mattie E. Fisher, and assess the damages at \$53.66."

Rules against witnesses David Gladwell, Joseph B. Sutton, Upton Sharp, Q. W. Ponge, George Hefner, Ernest Hefner, for failure to attend grand jury, were abated for reasonable excuse.

PERSONAL PROPERTY OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, 1898.

Total Assessment, \$357,663. Green Bank... 84,702. Edrny... 111,367. Huntersville... 51,980. Levels... 109,614.

In 1897 the total assessment \$337,232.

The above statement was furnished by J. H. Buzzard, the popular Assessor.

Judge Quarles, of Staunton, was nominated for Congress by the Covington Democratic convention. He has been a Readjuster, Republican, and Democrat, and makes a first rate war candidate.

Dr Kilpatrick, of Fayette, will in all probability be nominated by the Republicans of this district for Senator. His opponent, Colonel Andrew is handicapped by being an amateur newspaper man.

It was a common remark of a venerable Pocahontas citizen that, when the moon changed in the neck, or sign of the Steer, there would be frost, even were it in dog days. The recent coolness reminded us of the dictum, and it is reported that frost was seen. We are now reading news of the war under the same moon, and will do so until well into July, and we will be surprised if we do not hear of surprising things in the meanwhile. We sincerely hope our armies may not catch it in the neck. It would seem a propitious time for the steer with his stars to avenge his fallen peers on so many bloody arenas under Spanish auspices for the past centuries.

A few days since Admiral Sampson permitted the Vesuvius, the dynamite cruiser, to take part in the pending bombardment of Santiago's approaches. Each of the three big popguns sent out a shell, each containing 200 pounds of nitro gelatine, which is 1 1/2 times as powerful as nitro glycerine, the commonly used dynamite. These shells are projected by pneumatic tubes. There is no noise, no flash, no smoke. The shots were aimed at a fort in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. It is reported that when the shells exploded the land was as if smitten by an earthquake. Tons of rock and earth thrown high in the air, and the American ships far away in the water trembled with the shock. The possibilities of the new explosive far transcend anything yet discovered, and thoughtful minds may well fail in the effort to forecast the coming horrors of warlike operations.

Wonderful Chicken.

One of the wonders of the world happened at Frank Thomson's recently. It was a chicken that hatched out but died in the hatching. It had four legs, about 1/2 of an inch apart, and was a full developed fowl. Two of the feet were turned direct from the two natural ones, as tho it would walk backward as well as forward. If this fowl had lived it might have been a fortune to Frank, but all such miracles as this die. This is a true bill,—there is no joke about it, as I got it for the truth.

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is these well-dressed, moneyed church people that drive the ordinary mortals from church.) Well the minister preached a fine sermon—a financial sermon. He exhorted. Oh, how he talked for the dollars. His whole talk was: "Will you give." Good gracious, I don't mind giving once and a while, but this thing of having it pumped in to one every Sunday is really painful. And if one gives his all as the minister wants, who will pay your butcher and grocer. Enough said.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25c.

Beauty is Blood Deep. Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today with Cascarets, pills, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

NEW WINTER WHEAT & RYE.

FOR DELIVERY AT SEEDING TIME IN FALL OF 1898. Grown and for Sale By Ewd. C. Brown & Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Four varieties of wheat in lots of 500 pounds: Cap Sheaf (white) 100 (dark) red Winter King (white) Multiplier (red) Giant Siberian Rye.

FARMERS! Buy small amounts of several varieties, find out which are best adapted to your particular soil and climate, and then

Grow Your Own Seed.

You can grow your own seed in quantities cheaper than any one else can grow it for you.

W. M. DEAN has the agency for Pocahontas County, and will call upon you or may be addressed at LOBEL, WEST VIRGINIA.

To Friends and Customers.

I thank you all for your liberality in patronizing me; and it appears like some of my customers have got offended at me but I can't tell what for, unless it is because I tried to give you the best way way is to treat every body alike and let no one have goods without paying for them when they leave. I will chop my goods down to

Rock Bottom Prices

and sell strictly for cash and produce. I pay best market prices for produce and sell goods the cheapest. I will give you a list of Prices: Wool 22c Eggs 8c, Butter 15c, chickens 6c and 8c, beeswax 25c, Ginseng 85 to \$1.00, and all other good produce at the same rate. Good Calico 4c to 7c, Gingham 5 to 8c, Coffee 10 to 15, sugar 6 and 7c—all other goods likewise. Now come and bring

All Trade or Cash

you want goods for, and don't ask or hint for credit. But come and pay what you owe and see if "Cash and Produce" rules are not the best. I will not be undersold by any. Yours for business, Steward Boggs, Huntersville, W. Va.

W. H. Hartley,

Plaster and Painter.

I wish to inform the citizens of the county that I am prepared at any time to do any work in my line.

One smooth coat plastering for papering or painting... 7c yd Two coats and a skim of lime 9c yd Hard finish... 10c yd [Including boarding and tending and horse found.]

CALDSOMINING A SPECIALTY.

Any letters addressed to me will be promptly answered. All work attended to in this and adjoining Counties.

W. H. HARTLEY,

Jacox, W. Va.

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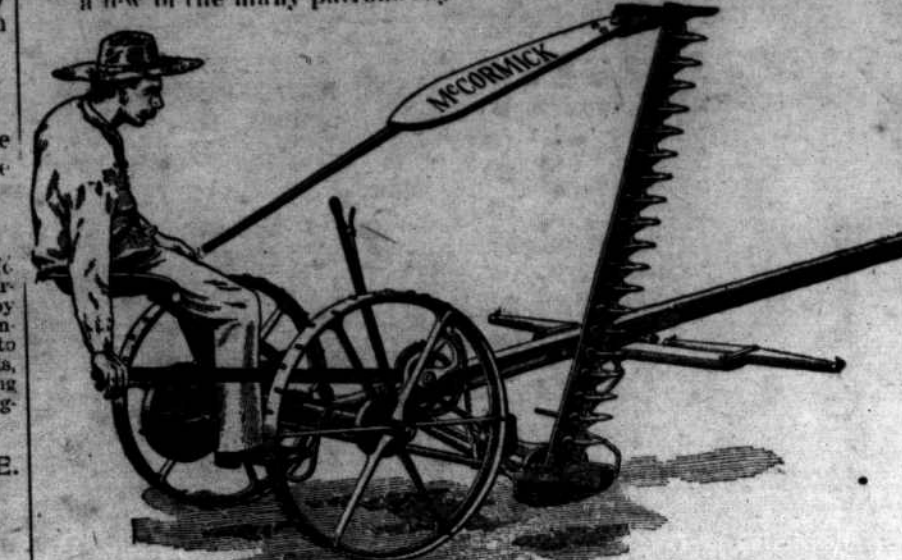
Notice. There will be a Grand PICNIC near Driscool in W. L. Harper's Sugar Grove, on the 4th of July, 1898

Platform Dancing, Merry-go-Round; and all kinds of Refreshments on the ground. Mr. O. E. Gum, one of the best Photographers in the County, will take pictures in Smith & Whiting's office at Old Camp. Come one and all. Have your beauty struck and have a grand time. Good order expected.

HAMILTON & HARPER, Proprietors.

Attention, FARMERS!

Harvest is almost on you, and don't run any risk in thinking that you can pull through with your old Binder, Mower, and Rake; but see us at Court and let us fit it so you will have no risks to run,—by giving us an order for a new MCCORMICK BINDER or MOWER and HOOSIER RAKE—for the best is the cheapest. Do n't take our word for it, but read what a few of the many patrons say of McCormick.



WHAT THEY SAY. The undersigned gentlemen are citizens of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, are users of McCormick's Mowers and Harvesters, and all join heartily in giving the following testimony:

That we have tried them up hill and down dale, and in all kinds of grass and grain, and find them the peer of all others. As light draft as is consistent with strength and durability. And that no one can make a mistake in trying a McCormick.

- James K. Bright, M. F. Gom, T. S. Sydenstricker, R. W. Hill, Abraham Hayes, C. L. Clark, H. S. Galford, George W. Callison, J. A. McLaughlin, K. E. Hogsett, S. J. Payne, W. H. Callison, A. R. Kennison, J. G. Sharp, Clark Kellison, Owen Kellison, A. J. Burr.

J. W. BEARD & BRO.

NOTICE.

There will be a Grand PICNIC near Harmon Sharp's Sugar Grove on the 4th of JULY!

Platform Dancing, Swing, Ice-Cream, and All Refreshments on the Ground. Come one, come all and have a Jovial Time. By order of the Committee, HAMILTON & STALNAKER.

RUMORS OF WAR!

It is just reported that a great battle has taken place at Santiago de Cuba between the Sampson-Schley fleet and Cervera. I am anxiously awaiting news of the result. In the mean time here are a few hot shots. If strikes let me know promptly:

Mens' Pants.....50 cts. Bulldog Pants.....62 1/2 cts. Linen Crash Hats....25 cts.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR WOOL.

PAUL GOLDEN.

NOTICE!

There will be a grand picnic on JULY 4, 1898,

near the Big Spring, where there was a happy day spent last September, which is the best grange picnic in the County. There will be Merry-go-Round, Platform, and Dinner prepared for one and all. Hoping there will be good behavior, COME ONE AND ALL.

C. W. SHOWALTER, Proprietor.